



Gathering

Gathering Music

We invite you to complete the prayer card found in this worship bulletin and to place it in the plate during the sharing of gifts. Information about the prayer cards is printed on the outside back cover of the bulletin.

Welcome

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Presbyterian Church welcomes all of God's children into the life of the church regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical limitation, educational background, or economic situation.

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: As God's forgiven people,
let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

All are invited to stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

* Stand as you are able

Call to Worship

Leader: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the God of the living.

People: **Through God, all of us, living or dead, are alive.**

Leader: Through baptism, Christ canonizes each of us.

People: **We are all members of the communion of saints,
thanks be to God's mercy. Yes! Hallelujah!**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 15:11–21

(page 73, N.T.)

***Song** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Scripture Reading Luke 15:22–24

(page 74, N.T.)

Improvisation

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**O God, the sense of salvation is too simple for us to accept.
You tell us, "My grace is sufficient for you," but how can it be,
when in our hearts and minds we want to earn our own way?
Sometimes we feel like we've earned it and then
resent when you extend grace to others.
"My grace is sufficient for you" is hard for us to take
when we realize the "you" is plural
and that your love embraces all of your children,
even those we're uncomfortable around.
Touch and fill our hearts with your healing mercy.
Hear now our silent prayers of confession . . .**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***Song** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading Luke 15:25–32

(page 74, N.T.)

Sermon by Kerri N. Allen
The Lost One

Improvisation

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.

Offertory Solo “Blessed Assurance”

Phoebe Knapp

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Communion

Communion Solo "One Bread, One Body"

John Foley

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**You have opened to us the scriptures, O Christ, and you have made
yourself known in the breaking of the bread. Abide with us, we pray,
that blessed by your royal presence we may walk with you all the days
of our life and at its end behold you in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God forever and ever. Amen.**



Sending

***Song**

"Guide My Feet"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

A note on inclusive language

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God will be named corporately in a variety of ways that are gender neutral. This allows for your personal expressions as you are led to name the Holy in ways meaningful to you.

Worship Leaders

Kerri N. Allen

Pastoral Resident

John W. Vest

Associate Pastor

Andrea Pokrefke

Song Leader

Kevin Cline Jazz Trio

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Fourth Church Cares

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion with a Deacon, contact Sarah Johnson, Minister for Congregational Care, at 312.981.4034 (sjohnson@fourthchurch.org).

News and Opportunities

All Saints' Sunday

Fauré's Requiem will be sung by the Morning Choir during a special communion service of remembrance at 6:30 p.m. tonight.

Fourth Church continues to be graced by the saints from whom it receives bequests. Since last All Saints' Day, gifts were received from the estates of the following members and friends.

Naomi T. Borwell
Virginia Lee Cook
Joseph Gura Jr.
Helen Hightower
Clifford R. Hinton Jr.
Marietta Munnis
Betsy Plank Rosenfield
Margaret S. Stone
Adele A. Wallace

We are deeply grateful for these gifts.

If you have included Fourth Church or Chicago Lights in your estate plan, please let the Development office know (312.981.3380; lradetski@fourthchurch.org) so that we might have the opportunity to thank you.

Annual Appeal

We are deeply grateful to those who have returned giving response cards for the 2011 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. To date, we have received \$2,311,172 in gift intents, from 611 households, toward our \$5.7 million goal. Giving Response cards are available in the pew racks and online. For more details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/churchalive.html, or contact Kathryn Johnson, Associate Director for Development Operations, at 312.640.2576 (kjohnson@fourthchurch.org).

Thanksgiving

The annual Thanksgiving Day Gospelfest, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a participant, will be held Sunday, November 21 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew United Methodist Church at 1000 N. Orleans (at Oak Street). A meal will follow.

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held on Tuesday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Fourth Church (not Holy Name Cathedral, as was publicized elsewhere); Chicago Sinai Congregation, Holy Name Cathedral, and Fourth Church will be participating.

Thanksgiving Day Worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary on Thursday, November 25. Sarah Johnson will be preaching.

Thanksgiving Dinner tickets are available at the reception desk during the week and during Sunday morning Coffee Hour. This traditional dinner will be served in Anderson Hall at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 25.

Volunteers

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring Program; Monday and Thursday nights

Volunteers to help install hoops at Urban Farm; Saturday, November 13

Clothes sorters for the Social Service Center on Mondays and Fridays

Carnaval volunteers to secure items for the silent and live auctions

Social Service Center helpers on the first Friday of each month to help with clothes distribution

For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

Worship

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m. except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel.

Sunday morning worship services are held at 8:00 (Communion) and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes, which are located outside Stone Chapel, in the Narthex, and in Anderson Hall.

Mission and Outreach

A November Food Drive for residents of the Studios is underway. Nonperishable food donations may be dropped off at the Mission table during morning Coffee Hour. For a list of most-needed items, contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds@fourthchurch.org).

An advocacy trip to Springfield is being planned for Wednesday, November 17 to bring to the attention of legislators issues related to "Silence the Violence, Support Our Youth." For details, contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384.

Applications for the 2011 Cuba and Colombia mission trips are due this December; trip information is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html.

Chicago Shares voucher booklets offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant (but not for liquor or tobacco). For information or to purchase a \$5 booklet, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

Advent and Christmas

The "Christmas Wishes" gift project collects gifts for more than 700 children who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available by contacting Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 or during Sunday morning Coffee Hour.

Chicago Lights Holiday Cards, designed by Tutoring students, are available at the reception desk, during Sunday morning Coffee Hour, and online at www.chicagolights.org. All proceeds benefit the Tutoring program.

"Operation Christmas Gift Bag" provides holiday gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, are available by contacting Jill Keiser at 312.981.3590 or during Sunday morning Coffee Hour. Filled bags are to be returned to the reception desk by December 6.

All are invited to join the choirs in caroling on the church steps at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 20 as part of the Michigan Avenue Lighting Festival.

A contemplative Advent retreat will be held December 3-4 at the Cenacle. Registration details are available in the literature racks or by calling Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

Fellowship

Fourth Dimension will gather Friday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall to watch a staged reading of *The Snow Goose*. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by November 10.

Men's Group will gather this Saturday, November 13 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room for a music-themed program. To RSVP, call 312.787.4570 by November 10.

The ThirtiesForties fellowship group will gather Sunday, November 14 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse to view and discuss a clip from the NOOMA series.

News and Opportunities

Children and Family

Giggles for God—a weekly sing-along for parents and their babies, toddlers, or preschoolers—meets Sundays at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. in Westminster House.

Sunday School classes meet Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

Fourth Church Youth meet Sundays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Elevation (grades 6–7) meets in the Manse basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) meets in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow's Nest.

Mothers with children up to age twelve are invited to join a Fourth Church Moms' Group. For details or to join a group, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (enickerson@fourthchurch.org).

Enrichment

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities:

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

CLL, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

"Faithful Responses to Popular Atheism," led by **John Buchanan**, will meet this Friday, November 12 7:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall.

Adult education courses, sponsored by the Academy for Faith and Life and meeting Sunday mornings, include "Authors Quoted from the Fourth Church Pulpit" (Page Smith Room) at 9:30 a.m.; "John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*—Continued" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and "Introduction to the Hebrew Bible" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A) at 11:00 a.m. For course details, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org/academcoursesy.html.

"Women, Food, and God" a twelve-week class on Geneen Roth's book, will be offered on Tuesday nights at Fourth Church, beginning November 9. To register, call the "Women, Food, and God" Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

Donizetti's *Don Pasquale* will be the topic of a Center for Life and Learning discussion on Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. Those sixty and more are invited to attend this free course; to RSVP, contact Patricia Amis at 312.981.3387.

A "Nia Splash Out" will be held this Saturday, November 13 at 10:00 a.m. For details or to register, call the Nia Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371.

"Women Building Connections across Faith Lines" will be the topic of an interfaith conversation on Saturday, November 13 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Downtown Islamic Center (231 S. State Street), hosted by Fourth Church and the Muslim Women's Alliance.

A book conversation with Chicago Sinai Congregation members will be held Tuesday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room. The topic of discussion will be Philip Roth's *Nemesis*.

"This I Believe," an evening with Bob Edwards, public radio host, will be held Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.wbez.org (enter FPC for church discount).

A Fourth Church study tour of the Holy Land will be led by Adam Fronczek and John Vest next June 20–29, 2011. Details are available by contacting Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398.

Music and the Arts

Fourth Acts will present a dramatic reading of *The Snow Goose* on Friday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall, and on Sunday, November 14 at 12:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.

During Today's Worship

All are encouraged to use the prayer card, found in this worship bulletin, to offer joys and/or concerns. The cards will be collected during the Sharing of Gifts (simply place the card in the offering plate as it is passed). The prayers will then be incorporated into this afternoon's Prayers of the People.

If you have a prayer you would rather not share during worship, you are invited to complete a prayer card found by one of the prayer boxes in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary, and it will be passed on to Sarah Johnson of the pastoral staff.

All, including children, are invited to the Lord's Table to receive Communion, which is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available in the paper "cup" within the basket of bread), which they will then dip into the chalice of nonalcoholic grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

Pastoral Staff for 4:00 Worship

Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for
Adult Education and Worship
Kerri N. Allen, Pastoral Resident
Matthew J. Helms, Pastoral Resident
Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism
John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry
Sarah A. Johnson, Minister for Congregational Care

During the Concerns of the Church, please pass the pew information pads, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.

The large banners hanging in the middle of the Sanctuary were created by liturgical artist Shawna Bowman during the 4:00 worship service and are artistic representations of our worship experience.

Large-print Bibles and individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the back of the sanctuary. Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the sanctuary and return as you wish. There is also an area in the side aisle where your child can play quietly.

Worship folders, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available from an usher.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the South Transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons.html.

Please turn off all cell phones when in the sanctuary.

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Please wear a lapel pin, found in the pew racks, so we might greet you after worship. We invite you to stop by the community meal or the Loggia (through the doors to your left as you face the front of the sanctuary) after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Streets) at the rate of \$7.75. Validation tickets must be picked up from

the 126 E. Chestnut St. reception desk. There is no discounted afternoon parking at the Hancock garage.

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Saturday, November 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, November 28 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, December 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information, contact Jo Preuninger, Interim Director of Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (jpreuninger@fourthchurch.org).